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SUBJ: VESCO CASE: ANOTHER PRESS

INTERVIEW

1. IN HIS CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE HIS IMAGE, ROBERT VESCO YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 2) MADE A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTORS OF PRENSA LIBRE. THE PAPER'S OCTOBER 3 ISSUE PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. THE PRINCIPAL POINTS IN THE INTERVIEW WERE:

A) VESCO SAID THAT ALL THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM IN THE US WERE "UNFOUNDED" AND THAT NO PROOF EXISTED. QUOTE I EXPECT THAT SHORTLY THERE WILL BE ANOTHER REQUEST FOR MY EXTRADITION; BUT I REPEAT THAT THE CHARGES ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION; THEY CAN'T PROVE A THING UNQUOTE.

B) HE LABELED WATERGATE AN EFFORT TO "OVERTHROW" PRESIDENT NIXON. SINCE MILITARY GOLPES ARE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE US, HE SAID, POLITICIANS ARE TRYING TO USE A "CIVILIAN MEANS" TO OVERTHROW THE PRESIDENT.

C) ASKED IF HE HAD CONTRIBUTED TO POLITICAL PARTIES HERE, HE SAID, NO, BUT

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HE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILIY HE MIGHT.

IF HE DOES, HE SAID, HE WOULD DO IT FOR ALL PARTIES.

D) ASKED ABOUT HIS INVESTMENT IN COSTA RICA, HE SAID QUOTE I DO NOT HAVE A FIXED LINE OF INVESTMENTS HERE: THE MAJOR PART WHICH I HAVE AT PRESENT IS IN GOVERNMENT BONDS; THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE ARE NOT OTHERS (TYPES OF INVESTMENTS). WE HAVE SMALL AND BIG INVESTMENTS IN MANY COMPANIES. WE PREFER THE LEVELS OF 100,000 COLONES DOWN- WARD UNQUOTE.

E) ASKED IF HE WAS A COSTA RICAN CITIZEN, HE SAID, NO. HE ALSO DENIED HAVING ANY CONNECTION WITH CLOVIS MCALPIN, VAKY

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